**Romsley - FAQ’s - DRAFT**

**What is happening?**

The work being carried out in Romsley is part of Severn Trent’s major investment plan ‘The Birmingham Resilience Project’ (BRP), which is to protect and enhance the water supply for Birmingham both now and for the future. The project includes modernisation and refurbishment of the Elan Valley Aqueduct (EVA), which has been bringing water to Birmingham for over 100 years, and the laying of a new pipeline to provide an alternative source of water during maintenance periods. To find out more about the project [click here](https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-supplies/live-updates/investing-in-local-improvements/birmingham-resilience-project/).

**What is happening around Romsley?**

Part of the route of the new underground pipeline approaches Romsley from the west and crosses Farley Lane, the pipe then heads north east skirting Little Farley Wood and crosses the Bromsgrove Road. There will be no road closures as a trenchless construction method is being used.

East of Putney lane there will be a break pressure tank built, to regulate the water pressure before the water continues to flow down the new pipe to Frankley. The visible part of this construction will be two horizontal silos, however these will be well below the horizon and largely built into the hillside. The site will be landscaped and is located behind a grass embankment.

**Why is the new underground pipe passing near Romsley?**

The new underground water supply pipe will run from Lickhill to Frankly reservoir. Extensive investigation was carried out to plan a route which created minimal disruption, avoid build up areas and, where possible, routed through agricultural land. Therefore to avoid any disruption to the village itself, the pipeline skirts around Romsley.

**Who is carrying out the work?**

The work is a Severn Trent investment project to improve Birmingham’s water infrastructure and ensure supply for the future. It is being carried out by Barhale, which is the main contractor.

**How long will the work go on for?**

Once, work commences, construction of the entire new underground pipeline, from Lickhill to Frankly, will be up to 18 months, however the work around Romsley should be complete in less than 10 months.

**How can I keep updated on what is happening?**

Throughout the planning stages Severn Trent and Barhale have worked very closely with both Parish and District Councils and public liaison groups and this will continue to ensure there is a good flow of communication. You will receive newsletters as the project progresses, with helpful information, and a local ‘drop in’ session will be set up, once work is underway, where you can meet both the team from Severn Trent and Barhale the main works contractor. Plus we will keep this Facebook site updated.

**Who do I contact if there is a problem?**

Barhale, the main works contractor, have a full time customer liaison officer, to help manage any concerns, there is a contact number for any issues or emergencies which is 01299 663490 or you can email info@barhale.co.uk. Or you can email Severn Trent at birminghamwater@severntrent.co.uk.

**How will construction traffic be managed?**

There is a strict traffic management plan in place, managed by Barhale. All suppliers to the site will be sent the plan, which highlights specific routes site vehicles should use and ensures heavy goods vehicles avoid the village and country lanes. In addition there will be clear, highly visible signage to help with traffic management.

**Why do you need to build a break pressure tank?**

The break pressure tank is an essential part of the gravity fed aspect of the scheme. Water is pumped to the tank where it is preliminarily treated before it flows by gravity to Frankley reservoir. Designers have worked to minimise the size of the tanks and build them into the hillside so the site can be landscaped to blend into the overall countryside.

**What will the working hours be for the site?**

The site will operate from 7am to 7pm during the summer and 8am to 6pm during the winter months, although no machinery will be running before 8am. Work is planned to be 5 ½ days per week, however in order to get an area completed or to expedite the work this may need to be extended on occasion.

**How will the fields be left after work is completed?**

All agricultural land or disturbed areas will be reinstated to the same standard as found, land drains will be reconnected and fences and hedges repaired and often improved.

**For further FAQ’s relating to the Birmingham Resilience Project** [**click here**](https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-supplies/in-my-area/investing-in-local-improvements/birmingham-resilience-project/whats-happening/faqs-and-more-information/faqs-and-more-information)**.**